

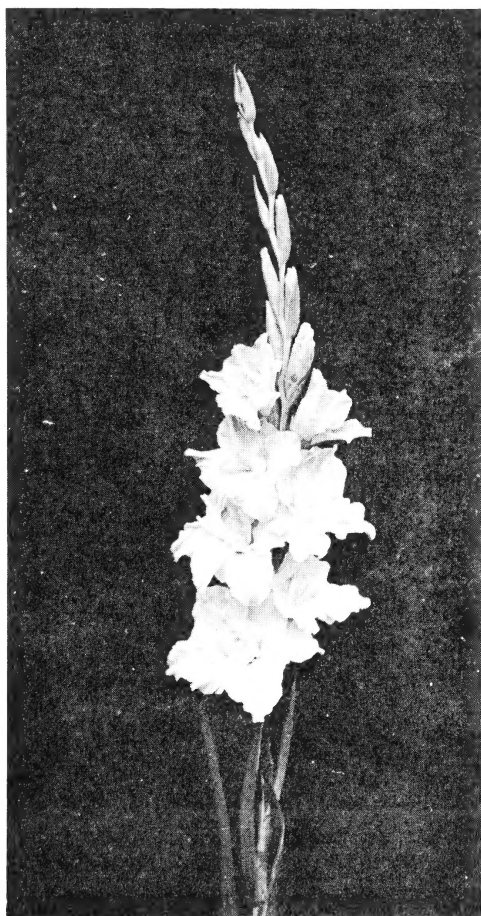
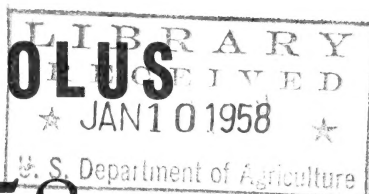
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MILESTONE

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Foreword

It is a pleasure to present this, my seventh annual catalog, and again to write this personal message to all of you, whether old customers, new customers, or just potential customers.

You may notice I am offering more new introductions than ever before, every one of which I believe to be very well worth raising for its own particular purpose, at least. Red Jacket, the scarlet that I had planned to introduce, bloomed earlier this year, and proved to be too soft and droopy for blooming in hot weather. To make way for these new ones, several older and slower selling varieties have been discontinued.

Each year I keep my planting small enough so that I can do all the work myself, and keep thoroughly familiar with the performance of every variety - almost every plant, in fact. For that reason I rarely have quantities enabling me to quote at wholesale prices. For the same reason, I believe the quality of my bulbs is quite high.

With a very few carefully chosen exceptions, I sell only bulbs of my own raising. That statement should answer a question that people often ask me - why I do not list the All-America Selections.

Visitors are always welcome, and from late July until Labor Day there is usually a good display of bloom in the field. I usually plant early, and visitors in September are often disappointed in finding the best blooms gone, and digging already in progress. Most years the peak of the blooming season for me is from August 10 to August 20, although it varies a bit with weather conditions.

Best of luck with your glads in 1958!

Laurence R. Rupert

1958 INTRODUCTIONS

Cronus (Rupert '58 - 322 - M).

Parentage - *Pactolus* x *Catherine Beath*.

Cronus may easily be my best introduction to date. It is a somewhat ruffled deep orange with throat of golden yellow. Floret size is from 4 to 4½ inches.

Reports of 15 bulbs tested in five NAGC Trial Gardens give the following data:

HEIGHT - Maximum 66" ; Minimum 45" ; Average 54.3"
FLOWERHEAD - Maximum 36" ; Minimum 25" ; Average 29.1"
TOTAL BUDS - Maximum 26 ; Minimum 20 ; Average 22.5
NUMBER OPEN - Maximum 11 ; Minimum 6 ; Average 9.0
COLOR VALUE - Maximum 95 ; Minimum 86 ; Average 89.2

All 5 gardens rated it EXCELLENT for attachment, keeping quality, resistance to heat, and as an exhibition type. Final ratings: one AA, four A's.

Show Record: ESGS Initial Award, Lima Show, 1956 ; ESGS Commendation Award, Geneva Seedling Show, 1957 ; Champion Seedling, Wabash, Ind. Show, 1957 ; First in open class (all 1957) at Geneva Show, Elmira Show, Elma (W.N.Y.) Show ; Binghamton Show ; Syracuse Show.

From smaller bulbs *Cronus* will produce spikes comparable with those from larger bulbs, but later. This fact accounts for my having winning spikes throughout the 1957 season.

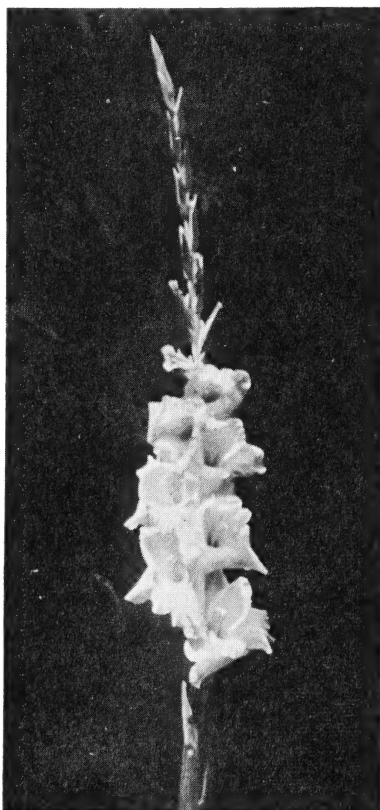
Bulblet production is good, although bulblets run a bit small. Germination is good - excellent if bulblets are peeled or cracked.

Possibly *Cronus* should be classed 324, and was so registered, but it seems to be generally regarded as fitting better in the 22 class.

PRICES

Any size bulb, your choice as far as possible, \$2.00.

Btts. - 25¢ each, 10 for \$2.00.



Romola (Rupert '58 - 417 - LM).

Parentage - Golden Flute x Dieppe.



Golden buff with large orange scarlet throat blotches - color very close to that of Pactolus, but with florets of heavy texture, much ruffled and fluted. If it were as dependable as Cronus, it would be just as good, perhaps better. But, a certain percentage of spikes will crook and facing is not always too good.

It was not submitted to the Trial Gardens, as my stock was rather small and I wanted as many blooms as possible for my own use.

Romola will grow 55 to 60 inches tall, flowerheads about 30", up to 24 buds, about 8 open. Bulblet production is fair, and

germination also only fair.

Show Record: Initial ESGS Award, Alfred Show, 1954; ESGS Commendation Award, Alfred Show, 1955; Champion Seedling, W.N.Y. Show (East Aurora), 1955. First in open section, Geneva Show 1957, Elmira, 1957.

Unfortunately the accompanying picture does not show the throat blotches with enough contrast.

Prices: Any size bulb, \$2.00; Blts. 25¢, 10 for \$2.00.

Saranac (Rupert '58 - 376 - E).

Parentage - High Life Sdlg. x Blue Devil.

Two years ago it seemed a toss-up whether to introduce Chaleur or this sister seedling. I chose, probably prematurely, Chaleur, because of its more unusual color and its slightly taller growth. Now I'm convinced Saranac is much better. It is a very fresh clear light violet, 45 to 50 in. tall, 20 to 22 buds, about 6 open, formal. Straightness, facing, placement are consistently excellent, and it seems 100% healthy. Propagation is runaway. It is my best and most reliable blue for cut flower sales, and has won a few blue ribbons.

LARGE \$1.00 each; MED. 75¢; SM. 50¢; BLTS. 10 for 75¢
10 for \$6.00; 25 for \$10.50; 100 for \$26.00; 1 pint for \$25.00

Milestone (Chaffin '58 - 366 - LM).

Parentage - Crystal Orchid x Moon Goddess.

- A really outstanding novelty, a double glad that grows as a glad should grow. (Notice the picture on the cover.) The color is very light lavender with florets very ruffled, consistently double in the center, and with very tight attachment. Average field height is about 42", flowerhead 20", 17 buds, 7 open, 4" to 4½" florets. Not a real exhibition glad, of course, but certainly one of the best, if not the best, double glad yet introduced. It produces quantities of small bulblets, which germinate very readily indeed.

Milestone holds the ESGS Initial Award, and at the 1957 Rochester Show it won a

special rosette as an outstanding novelty.

As a rule it has bloomed too late for use in hybridizing, but in 1957 both Mr. Chaffin and I succeeded in getting apparently successful crosses, using Milestone as the pollen parent.

The rather large stock of available bulbs enables Mr. Chaffin to set a low introductory price.

LARGE \$1.00 ; MED. 75¢ ; SM. 40¢
3 for \$1.00 ; BLTS. 15 for 50¢.

RICH Originations for 1958

- ORIGINATOR'S DESCRIPTIONS -

Top Hat (Rich '58 - 454 - 80 days)

Parentage: (Grapewine x Black Cherry) x Ace of Spades.

We carry on a continuous breeding program for better black reds, and now are ready with the best we have had in this color.

Top Hat is a deep black red, glistening and velvety in color, with a long flowerhead, opening 8 ruffled round blooms. It grows to a height of 54", with 27" flowerhead, 5½-inch blooms and 22 buds. Florets have excellent substance and placement, do not burn, and are well attached to a strong, usually straight stem. It is a great performer, especially when grown for showing.

Top Hat was Best Seedling at the Eastern International Show at Hershey, Pa. on Aug. 13, and it received the American Home Achievement Award at the Western N.Y.G.S. Show at Elmira, Aug. 18.

Bulb production and germination are good. Reports on its performance from other growers have been in one word - OUTSTANDING.

Price - Each \$2.00, any size; Blts. 10 for \$2.00

Fireflame (Rich '58 - 436 - 75 days)

Parentage: [(Big Top x Crystal) x (Red Ruffles x Vagabond Prince)] x (New Era x Rich Red).

This is a brilliant orange scarlet self, with ruffled and waved florets, opening up to 8, with 12 more buds showing color. The spacing and facing are exceptionally good, and the blooms have good substance and attachment. A fine exhibition or commercial prospect, as it grows over 4 ft. tall, with 25" flowerhead, 5" blooms and 22 buds. Opens very well when cut in tight bud.

The E.S.G.S. Award of Merit was given it at Alfred in 1955, where it was also Best Seedling. In 1957 it received the Genesee Valley G.S. Rosette for best 3 spikes in the Pre-Introductory Class.

Good bulb production and germination.

Price - Each \$1.00, any size; Blts. 10 for \$1.00

Don't overlook the offer of Rolland Breisch's new handbook, A GUIDE TO BETTER GLADIOLUS, p. 23.

Glads for 1958

A. B. Coutts (Coutts '53 - 516-LM).

A tall, vigorous, and very impressive glad, easily opening 8 or 9 plain petaled 6-inch florets of a smooth apricot buff color. With its 30 to 35-inch flowerheads of excellent form, it is a leading contender for exhibition honors.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Abu Hassan (Holland '47-378-EM).

Smooth rich deep violet with velvety finish. Opens 5 or 6 on slender straight stems of only moderate height.

LARGE ONLY, and in limited supply ^{2-30¢}; BLTS. 50-25¢

Aria (Kuhn '48-244-M)

Deep pink with cream throat, opening 7 to 9 plain-petaled 3-in. florets in perfect formal placement on straight stems. Aria won the Miniature Championship rosette for me at the 1957 Western New York Show.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Atom (Hedgecock '46-236-VE).

Popular small scarlet, with conspicuous white border surrounding all petals.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Bermuda (Roberts '52-531-LM).

One of the most intensely ruffled glads on the market, and a top-notch performer here. It is a pastel salmon with clean cream throat, and produces long massive flowerheads opening 7 or 8 huge florets. Its beauty and its consistency of performance more than compensate for a slight weakness of stem and a somewhat loose floret attachment.

LARGE 1-\$1.25; MED. 1-\$1.00; SM. 1-50¢; BLTS. 5-40¢

Better Times (K. and M. '46-377-E).

One of the bluest of the violet varieties, and with an attractive deeper throat. A very good "blue", so popular with both cut flower growers and backyard gardeners that my available supply is always sold out early. Fine also for hybridizing.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 50-25¢

Black Joe (Flad '54-554-M).

Lightly ruffled black red with silvery petal edging. An easy grower, rapid propagator, fine for the home gardener. For me it will open only 5 florets, and can hardly be recommended as an exhibition glad.

LARGE - NONE; MED. 3-30¢; SM. 5-40¢; BLTS. 25-25¢

Blue Smoke (Rich '57-586-M).

It's hard to find a more beautiful glad of any color, and impossible, I believe, to find one among the smokies. It is a heavily ruffled mulberry blue with glowing salmon

throat. A very tall grower, with great possibilities in all respects.

LARGE 1-^{\$1.50}; MED 1-^{\$1.00}; SM. 1-75¢; BLTS. 10-^{\$1.50}.

Bonnie Prince (Barker '55-262-E).

Small flowered medium rose, well ruffled, and with heavy texture. A very pretty little glad which would be better with one or two more florets open. I get only 4 open.

LARGE 1-40¢; MED. 1-30¢; SM. 2-30¢; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Bonny (I. White '50-230-M).

Small flowered clean light salmon with very heavily ruffled florets. Even though it will open 6 on an 18-bud spike, it never seems to stretch quite enough to suit me.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Brenda (Pazderskj '55-464-M).

Lovely ruffled deep rose, a little redder than Burma, and with a little better stretch. It has already established itself as one of the leading exhibition glads. A very dependable glad, and a good propagator.

LARGE 1-30¢; MED. 1-20¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Carlisle (Rupert '58-466-E).

After planning to introduce this in 1957, I decided to wait a year to check its purity of color. This past season I found only a few spikes with the objectionable darker streaking, and these were immediately thrown out. I am offering, therefore, only bulbs that produced blooms in 1957. Carlisle is a lightly ruffled lavender with a picotee edge of deeper lavender. It is a rugged grower, 54 to 60 in. tall, opening up to 8 florets on a 24-bud spike. It seems to be a definite favorite with visitors in the field, and with cut flower customers. Hybridizers may be interested in it, for it has produced a few ruffled "blue" seedlings. The parentage of Carlisle is King Midas sdg. x Blue Devil.

LARGE or MED. only 50¢ each. Blts. 10 for 50¢.

Cathedral (Klein '53-440-EM).

Varying in color unpredictably from light pink to almost pure white, Cathedral is always a fine performer, opening 8 or more intensely ruffled florets on tall, strong, straight-stemmed spikes.

LARGE 1-50¢; MED. 1-35¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 6-25¢.

Catherine Beath (Coutts '51-312-EM).

Deep bright golden yellow, opening about 8 plain petaled florets on long flowerheads of 22 to 24 buds. One of the best deep yellows.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Chaleur (Rupert '56-379-EM).

Fairly deep blue violet with a nearly black throat blotch tipped with cream. Growth is quite tall, rather slender, and will occasionally crook. Opens 5 or 6, occasionally 7, florets of unusual but very clear clean color.

LARGE 1-35¢; MED. 1-25¢; SM. 2-30¢; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Chamouny (Baerman '38-462-E).

An old favorite - tall growing bright rose with silvery edge. A few large and medium only.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢ NO SMALL ; BLTS. 50-25¢

Chartreuse (Rohrbach '50-404-LM).

Light yellow-green or chartreuse. Growth is very rugged, flowerheads long, with 7 or 8 open florets. Crooking and misplaced florets occur frequently, but good exhibition spikes can be grown. It won blue ribbons for me at three shows in 1957.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Circe (K. and M. '49-523-VE).

Giant plain-petaled orange scarlet with scarlet-blotched cream throat. A very vigorous grower with long stretchy flowerheads.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Claucarcy (Maynard '52-241-M).

About the tallest small glad I know, with flowerheads up to 29". Opens 7 to 9 three-inch florets of pure light pink with white throat.

LARGE ONLY - supply limited 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Col. Charles Lindbergh (Kunderd '28-367-EM).

A superior old-timer that continues good year after year. Wavy petaled rosy lavender with deeper peppering on a light yellow throat. Opens about 6 on a 20-bud spike; 4" florets.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 50-25¢

Connecticut Yankee (Schenetsky '44-441-M).

This famous exhibition pink was much in demand last year, and my stock is therefore not too large. Spikes are tall and formal, opening 8 or more wavy petaled light pink florets with a subdued red blotch.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢ BLTS. 25-25¢

Contrast (Arenius '54-441-L).

The color is unusual and very striking - light pink with large bright purple throat blotches. Growth and propagation habits are excellent.

LARGE 1-30¢; MED. 1-20¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 10-25¢

Coronado (Pruitt '55-410-M).

An excellent ruffled golden yellow of unusual purity. Grows moderately tall, with long flowerheads, 22 buds, 8 open. Some irregular facing.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Crater Lake (Williams '54-478-M).

Deep purple-violet with attractively marked throat. Opens 6 or 7 and almost never crooks.

LARGE 1-30¢; MED. 1-20¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 10-25¢

Daintiness (Butt '53-200-VE).

Small creamy white with faintly greenish throat. Floret form and ruffling are much as in Wedgwood, which is one of its parents.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 50-25¢

Dieppe (Hassel '45-436-M).

Standard salmon-scarlet, useful for cut flowers, exhibition, and hybridizing.

LIMITED SUPPLY OF LARGE BULBS 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Dorothy D. (Baker '54-441-M).

Pastel pink with deeper color in the throat. For beauty of floret it is outstanding, and in ruffling and petal texture it rivals Party Ruffles and Bermuda. Bud count is usually a bit low, however.

LARGE 1-75¢; MED. 1-50¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 5-25¢.

Double Victory (Kunderd '42-207-EM).

Cream and rose, with very small fully double florets. Spikes have 12 to 14 buds, about 5 open.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Dusk (Fischer '55-483-VE).

Smoky old rose with bold white throat. A tall, vigorous gladiolus and a rapid propagator. The earliest smoky I've raised, blooming as long with Friendship.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Emily's Birthday (Butt '55-233-VE).

Small ruffled salmon with dusty yellow throat. Exceptionally early. Limited supply this year.

NO LARGE; MED. 2-25¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 30-25¢.

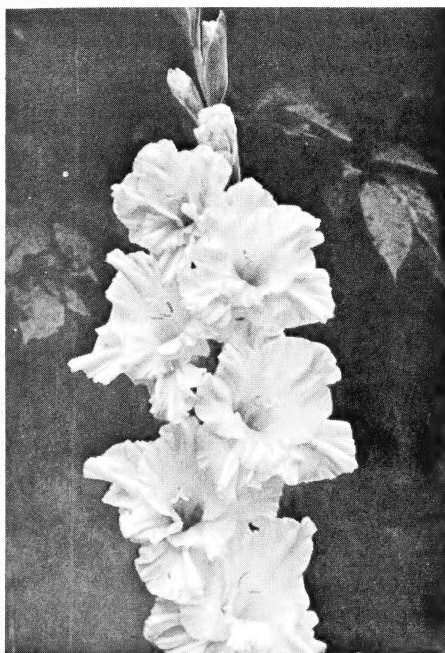
Falcon (Woods '49-567-M).

Giant ruffled lavender with peppering of deeper color on a light yellow throat. A tall robust grower with florets up to 6½", over 20 buds, and long flowerheads.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Farmingdale (Van Voorhis '54-268-E).

Attractive deep lavender with a touch of



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gold in the throat. A small glad (3 in. florets), but fairly tall, 16-18 buds, 4 to 6 open.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Fifth Avenue (Hedgecock '51-254-E).

Very fine dark red, but scarcely as black as its classification might indicate. A tall growing, lightly ruffled small glad, useful for exhibition, arrangements, and hybridizing.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Figurine (Butt '51-217-VE).

This gorgeous, richly colored buff with red throat markings has my vote as the best of the Butt strain of small glads, nearly all of which are outstanding. Figurine will open 6 to 8 much ruffled florets on a spike with 20 to 23 buds, spikes straight, placement formal and exact. Propagates rather slowly, and for that reason my supply is still limited.

LARGE 1-20¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; NO BULBETS.

Flashlight (Roberts '53-337-EM).

Bright scarlet with yellow throat, with heavy ruffling and excellent texture. Not a large glad, being just over 200-size, but excellent for decorative use. A vase of Flashlight won the F.E. Youmans Memorial Trophy at the Elmira Show in 1957.

LARGE 1-30¢; MED. 1-20¢; SM. 2-25¢; BLTS. 10-25¢

Forsythia (Harris '52-512-EM).

Giant yellow with six-inch ruffled florets on tall, rugged, healthy plants.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Friendship (Fischer '49-442-VE).

Ruffled pink with white throat. About the most beautiful of the very early glads.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Garnet Glow (Rich '50-354-M).

Ruffled black red, color very clear and with a glow unusual in so dark a glad. It has an excellent show record.

LARGE 1-30¢; MED. 1-20¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 10-25¢

Garnet Ruffles (Maynard '53-352-EM).

Formal deep red; opens 7 or 8 ruffled florets.

LIMITED SUPPLY OF LARGE BULBS 1-35¢; BLTS. 10-25¢

Glenshee (Klein '55-485-EM).

Deeply colored bronze smoky with red markings in the throat. A fine performer, which bloomed much earlier this past season than I had expected.

LARGE 1-50¢; NO MEDIUM; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 6-25¢

Golden Flute (Hartman '50-511-M).

Tall light yellow with slight suffusion of rose, and some rose feathering in the throat. The 6-in. florets are nicely ruffled, but 5 open is about its limit as it grows here.

LARGE 1-20¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Goldette (Butt '54-210-E).

Rather tall growing small-flowered glad with heavily ruffled greenish yellow flowers. It produces straight spikes, opens 6 or 7.

LARGE 1-40¢; MED. 1-30¢; SM. 2-35¢; BLTS. 10-25¢.

RECORD BREAKERS

No matter what feature of the gladiolus we consider, it varies considerably from variety to variety. From my listing I have chosen the 5 apparently most outstanding varieties in each of several respects. Choices were made on the basis of my 1957 records except where records from earlier years were consulted to break an apparent tie. It is not to be expected that your results will be in complete agreement, especially since in all cases there are other varieties running close. All groups are listed alphabetically.

EARLIEST SMALL-FLOWERED: Atom, Emily's Birthday, Figurine, Hocus Pocus, Ohonda.

EARLIEST LARGER-FLOWERED: Circe, Dusk, Friendship, Rhett Butler, Wedgwood.

LATEST: Contrast, Harrisburger, Liberty, Sun Tan, Vision.

MOST RUFFLED: Bermuda, Bonny, Dorothy D., Orange Ruff, Party Ruffles.

TALLEST: Good Morning, Look, Prunella, Salman's Glory, Sundance.

LONGEST FLOWERHEAD: A. B. Coutts, Look, Prunella, Sundance, Tan-Glo.

MOST BUDS: Chamouny, Cronus, Sundance, Tan-Glo, Vision.

MOST OPEN: Aria, Chartreuse, Sylvia, Tan-Glo, Tricolor.

LARGEST FLORET: Falcon, King David, Prunella, Salman's Glory, Tunia's Fireside Glow.

BEST BULBLET PRODUCTION: Daintiness, Dusk, Milestone, Saranac, White Lace.

MOST BEAUTIFUL: (Just my personal opinion. Nobody is expected to agree completely.) Blue Smoke, Friendship, Jaunty, Ruffled Ebony, Wedgwood.

SPECIAL OFFER

In previous years it has been my custom to offer premium bulbs with orders amounting to \$10.00 or more. This year the premium bulb can be your choice of

- 1 bulb of Cronus (size 3 or larger), or
- 1 bulb of Romola (size 3 or larger), or
- 3 bulbs of Saranac (size 3 or 4).

If the supply of any of these gets too low, I reserve the right to substitute another.

Or, if you prefer, and will be willing to send a report next fall on its performance, I will send a large bulb of one of the seedlings I am propagating for possible future introduction.

If you do not specify on the order blank your choice of premium bulb, I shall assume you are leaving the choice up to me.

Please Read Carefully Before Ordering

1. All bulbs are offered subject to prior sale and reservation of planting stock.

Be sure to indicate on the order blank the procedure I should follow if the variety or size you order is sold out.

2. Full remittance, preferably money order or check, should accompany all orders.

3. All orders for delivery in ERIE COUNTY, N. Y. should include the regular 1% sales tax.

4. When bulbs are priced singly or by 2's you may order 10 for the price of 8, or 5 for the price of 4.

5. Bulbs will be sent by parcel post in April, or as soon as weather permits, unless otherwise requested. It is optional with you whether you pay the postage. If you choose to estimate it and include it in your remittance, I will include in your order a bulb or two of some choice recent introduction, of greater value than the postage sent.

6. Large bulbs (abbreviated L in the price listings) are over $1\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter; medium (M) from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ "; and small (S) from $\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

7. It is my aim to send out only bulbs that are true to name, healthy, and thrips-free.

However, perfection in these respects is rarely, if ever, attained by any gladiolus grower today. If you are dissatisfied in any of these respects with bulbs I send you, let me know, and I'll endeavor to make an adjustment.

Since I have no control over conditions affecting bulbs and bulblets after shipment, I can make no guarantee about germination and performance, and no refund greater than the price paid.

8. It is my custom to be quite generous with "extras" and/or overcount. It would help me greatly in putting up your order if you would suggest varieties that would be acceptable as "extras" — or, if you prefer overcount only, indicate that fact on the order.

9. Explanation of Abbreviations and Notations. — In parenthesis after each variety name are usually four items as follows: (1) the name of the originator, (2) the year of introduction, (3) the 1957 N.A.G.C. classification number (an occasional one may be changed in 1958), and (4) my estimate of the blooming season — very early (VE), early (E), early mid-season (EM), etc.

Space does not permit complete explanation of the classification numbers, of which the first digit indicates floret size, the other two the color. All 500's can be expected to produce florets over $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", the 400's from $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", the 300's from $3\frac{1}{2}$ " to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ", and the 200's from $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

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CHAFFEE 7542

SARDINIA, N. Y.

STREET, R.D. NUMBER, etc.

STATE or PROVINCE

If the SIZE you order is sold out, shall I (.....) substitute nearest?
(.....) refund?

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

If the VARIETY is sold out, shall I
 ..(.....) send additional bulbs of other varieties ordered?
 ..(.....) send equivalent value in other varieties, your
 choice, listed on the line below?

... (.....) refund?

Are there any special instructions about time of shipping?

Be sure to read page 12 before ordering.

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Goldruff (Palmer '53-312-EM).

Bright golden yellow with ruffled "butterfly-type" florets. Somewhat taller than its companion varieties, Sprite and Herald, which I have discontinued because of their shortness.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Good Morning (Lacey '54-561-LM).

Every year I am better pleased with this magnificent glad. The general rose effect is caused by the light rose feathering at the edges, and a somewhat deeper rose throat blotch, all on a white background.

Field grown spikes here grow 55 to 58 in. tall, with 30 in. flowerhead, 20 buds, and with 7 or 8 5½-in. florets open.

LARGE 1-25¢; NO MEDIUM; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Harrisburger (Mikle '53-552-L).

Very tall showy vivid red, with huge florets which may show some irregularity of placement and facing. Since large bulbs of this variety rarely do well, I am offering only medium and small sizes. Be sure to plant them early.

NO LARGE; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Hildegard (L. Baker '56-436-M).

One of the most beautiful and one of the tallest glads in its class. A clear bright scarlet with pure white feathering or peppering in the throat. Quite heavily ruffled.

LARGE 1-~~1.00~~; MED. 1-~~1.00~~; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 30-~~\$1.00~~

Hilltopper (Fairchild '55-450-LM).

Plain-petaled red with white midrib. Reputed to be very good, but I've had too little experience with large bulbs to give first hand information.

NO LARGE; NO MEDIUM; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 5-25¢

Hocus Pocus (K. and M. '49-313-VE).

An odd little glad, scarcely over 200-size. The florets are plain-petaled, golden yellow with large throat blotches of maroon brown. Not an exhibition glad, but nice for arrangements.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Jaunty (Rich '55-362-E).

Clear medium rose pink with white throat. The ruffling is exquisite, texture heavy, spikes tall and stretchy. Few glads can equal it for delicate beauty and refinement.

LARGE 1-50¢; MED. 1-40¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 10-50¢

Juliet (Rupert '53-365-EM).

Clear deep rose red with throat blotches of white. Florets are plain-petaled, formally placed, with 7 or 8 open. In the Winning Variety Performance Chart for 1956, published in the March 1957 NAGC Bulletin, Juliet was the leader in its class. Bulblet germination is not too good except from held-over bulblets. I neither sell nor plant bulblets raised the previous season.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. { 3-25¢
 { 10-70¢
 { 25-\$1.25 } SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Juno (Fischer '55-460-E).

Lightly ruffled rose with cream throat. The color is attractive and performance good.

NO LARGE ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-20¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢

Karen (Mazur '52-471-M).

Plain-petaled rosy purple with sulphur yellow blotch. A very unusual color among glads, and one that most of us like. A dependable grower even though the bulbs don't always look very attractive.

LARGE 1-20¢ ; MED. 2-25¢ ; SM. 4-25¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢ .

King David (Carlson '51-570-M).

Large ruffled deep purple, standard for exhibition and cut flowers.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. 5-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢ .

Lavender Blue (Henderson '53-576-M).

Heavily ruffled, very light lavender with just enough blue in its makeup to put it rather precariously in the violet class. For me it has proved the tallest and healthiest of the various Elizabeth the Queen sports that I have tried.

LARGE 1-20¢ ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-20¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢

Leif Ericson (K. and M. '52-506-M).

Ruffled deep cream with somewhat greenish throat. Plants are tall and robust, florets very large with a tendency to loose attachment.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; NO SMALL ; BLTS. 50-25¢ .

Liberty (Iarus '53-432-LM).

Liberty is a vivid salmon red glad with no conspicuous markings and very little ruffling. It easily produces near-perfect spikes, and was Grand Champion at two 1957 shows in upstate New York. Demand for this variety was very heavy a year ago, and my supply of large bulbs was sold out in late January, even though I had started with what seemed a good supply. Pre-catalog orders this year already indicate that it will go fast again in 1958. So order early-especially if you want large.

LARGE 1-75¢ ; MED. 1-50¢ ; SM. 1-25¢ ; BLTS. 5-25¢ .

Little Pal (Van Voorhis '43-261-E).

Small flowered light rose pink with throat markings of deeper rose. Although quite an old one it still seems to be one of the best in its class.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. 5-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢ .

Little Sweetheart (Fischer '48-240-EM).

Beautiful small ruffled pink with white throat. Always in great demand. In addition to its usefulness for arrangements, exhibition, etc., it seems to have exceptional possibilities in hybridizing.

LARGE 1-20¢ ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-20¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢ .

Look (Rockley Gardens '53-540-M).

Clear light pure pink, very vigorous. Even small bulbs produce tall spikes, and large

bulbs produce the tallest ones in the field.
LARGE 1-20¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Loretta (Allen '54-442-LM).

Medium pink with white throat. It is deeper in color than Friendship, less ruffled, and considerably later, but has better floret placement, and more open.

LARGE 1-40¢; MED. 1-30¢; SM. 2-30¢; BLTS. 10-25¢

Louise (Vawter '53-468-M).

Nicely ruffled deep lavender with white markings in the throat.

LARGE ONLY 1-35¢; BLTS. 10-25¢

Madrigal (Butt '55-442-M).

Quite deep pink with deeper throat markings. Opens up to 8 on long straight flowerheads.

Placement and facing are exceptionally good.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-25¢; BLTS. 15-25¢

Magic (Kynderd '15-277-E)

A small slender growing variety with lightly ruffled florets of lavender violet, strongly blotched with deep violet. Opens about six 2½" florets.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 50-25¢

Meg (Pruitt '49-412-M).

Deep golden yellow, ruffled needlepoint petals. With its long 20 to 23 bud spikes, opening 7 or 8, it is still a formidable competitor in its class at the shows.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Mid-America (Knierim '47-550-M).

Clear bright red without markings. Tall, strong growing plants with very large blooms, which, in spite of some floppiness can hardly be excelled in the class.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Miss Julie (Fischer '57-206-EM).

Introduced by Al Amsler of Sioux City, Miss Julie is a small cream glad with sharp magenta throat blotches. Opens up to 6 three inch florets on a 16 to 18 bud stem. It has not been shown much here in the east, but has a very impressive record of winnings in Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. Orders will be filled with bulbs raised by Mr. Amsler.

LARGE 1-40¢; MED. 1-30¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 10¢ each
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Mother Fischer (Fischer '51-400-LM).

Tall ruffled white with very vigorous growth.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Nightshade (Fairchild '54-454-EM).

A first class black red, not too widely grown.

Opens 6 to 8 on spikes of 19 to 21 buds. The florets are scarcely ruffled, measure about 5"

NO LARGE; MED. 1-25¢; SM. 2-35¢; BLTS. 10-35¢

Ocean Spray (Baerman '46-307-E).

Wavy petaled creamy white with amber throat. Grows tall, with 28 to 30 in. flowerheads, opening 5 or 6 florets which measure 4 to 4½ in.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢

Ohonda (Chaffin '56-224-VE).

Bright red-orange, small flowered, plain petaled. Exceptional for brightness of color, vigor and ease of growth, and earliness. Opens about 6 on tall willowy spikes.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Old South (Almey '44-286-EM).

Has long been a standard small smoky, so well known that it needs no detailed description.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Onatah (Chaffin '57-217-EM).

From the same hybridizer as Ohonda, which it resembles in style and growing habits.

Onatah, however, is buff, with a reddish suffusion, and large deep red throat blotches. Later than Ohonda, and a slower propagator.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Orange Ruff (Rich '56-524-M).

Clean pure red orange with almost incredible ruffling and heavy texture. Flowerheads tend to be rather short, but the florets are very beautiful. It has produced some outstanding seedlings - among them Party Ruffles.

LARGE 1-1.00; MED. 1-75¢; SM. 1-50¢; BLTS. 10-1.00.

Parma Violet (Vawter '52-279-EM).

The most outstanding small violet glad in my experience, opening 7 deeply colored florets, well placed on good height spikes.

LARGE 1-50¢; MED. 1-40¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 10-50¢.

Party Ruffles (Rich '57-406-LM).

A very heavily ruffled cream with very delicate tints of pink. A strong, healthy grower, producing good height spikes, 7 or 8 open, well attached and well placed. Already has an outstanding show record in this area.

LARGE 1-1.00; MED. 1-75¢; SM. 1-50¢; BLTS. 10-1.00.

Pearl (Rupert '55-401-LM).

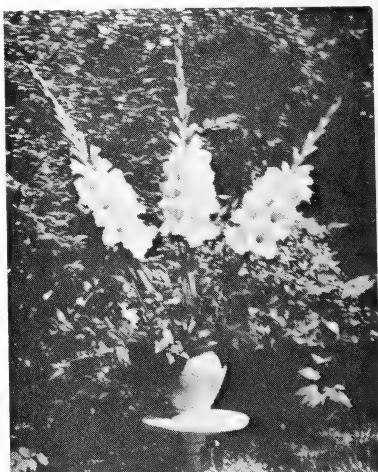
Lustrous pearly white with a cream throat and small rose feather. Substance and texture are very good, placement and facing excellent. Opens 7 to 9 on spikes of 20 to 24 buds. Florets are wavy-petaled, not too much ruffled.

LARGE 2-30¢;

MED. 3-25¢;

SM. 5-30¢;

BLTS. 50-25¢.



PEARL

Pelletier D'Oisy (Lemoine-204-E)

An oldtimer with extraordinary coloring—deep chartreuse with reddish purple stippling. Opens 4 or 5 three-inch florets on spikes of only 12 to 14 buds. Bulbs smaller than #3 cannot be depended upon to bloom.

LARGE 1-20¢; MED. 2-25¢; SM. 4-25¢; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Picardy (Palmer '31-530-M).

By careful selection I have maintained through the years a fine tall-growing strain of this famous old salmon, with 19-bud flowerheads up to 30 in. long, from large bulbs. Sold out early last year.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Pilot (Larsen '51-501-M).

Clean pure white with conspicuous violet blue throat blotches—a New Zealand origination quite unlike anything else I know. It won several firsts in local shows in 1957.

LARGE 1-50¢; MED. 1-35¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 6-25¢.

Pink Diamond (Fischer '54-460-EM).

Ruffled sparkling rose pink with throat of creamy chartreuse. One of the many very beautiful originations from Noweta Gardens.

LARGE 2-30¢; NO MEDIUM; SM. 2-15¢; BLTS. 25-25¢.

Poinsettia (Johnson '52-450-LM).

Bright red without markings. An extremely reliable glad, excellent for exhibition, cut flowers, or hybridizing. It grows quite tall, is nicely ruffled, and propagates well.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Princess (Larus '53-466-M).

Ruffled lavender, fairly deep in color. If grown under fairly dry conditions it is very ordinary, but with plenty of water it can produce magnificent spikes.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Prospector (Jeffingwell '53-410-M).

Ruffled light yellow, the lip petals much deeper yellow. Florets are of heavy texture and quite beautiful. Only medium height.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Prunella (Stringer '51-580-LM).

A giant glad with most spectacular coloring, maroon smoky with bright yellow throat, outlined with vermilion. Easily grows 60" tall, flowerheads over 30", opening about 6 gigantic lightly ruffled florets. Very popular with visitors in the field, and with cut flower customers.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Pure Cream (Rich '56-306-M).

Clean cream without markings, a glad of rich color and exquisite ruffling. Florets are in formal double-row placement on spikes that are always straight.

LARGE 1-50¢; MED. 1-40¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 10-50¢.

Purple Burma (Boewe '55-570-M).

Ruffled purple of superior color, and habits

similar to those of Burma.

LARGE 1-25¢ ; NO MEDIUM ; SM. 2-25¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Radiance (Butt '42-350-E).

Light bright red with inconspicuous darker throat markings. One of the very best of the 300-size glads, regardless of color or year of introduction. A consistent show winner, with championship possibilities.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. - None ; BLTS. 50-25¢

Redcap (Fischer '55-236-EM).

Small bright scarlet with florets slightly smaller than those of Atom, and the white petal edge narrower.

NO LARGE ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. 5-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Rhett Butler (Kuhn '47-336-VE).

Tall plain-petaled scarlet, sometimes showing a trace of ruffling. Good early cut flower.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢

Roi Albert (Lemoine '17-487-M).

Lavender smoky with throat markings of red, yellow, and deeper smoky. This, like Pelletier d'Oisy, is a very old variety, of French origin, and the style and coloring are quite unlike most of the new ones. Opens about 6 on a medium height spike of 16 or 17 buds.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. 5-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Rosita (Woods '52-563-M).

Glistening rose pink, lighter at the edges and deeper in the throat. Opens up to 8 or 9 giant ruffled florets on spikes of 20 to 23 buds. Occasionally crooks.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. None ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Ruffled Ebony (Fischer '53-454-M).

Ruffled black red with a slight purple tinge, especially in the throat. Bud count tends to be low, as does the number open, but its exceptional beauty compensates.

LARGE 1-25¢ ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-25¢ ; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Sally Rose (Rich '55-533-EM).

One of the best of the newer glads, with real championship possibilities. Its color is an unusual shade of rosy pink with an overcast of salmon. Spikes are tall, straight, formal, up to 8 open. Very heavy demand in 1957 reduced my stock so that I have no large bulbs available this year.

NO LARGE ; MED. 1-40¢ ; SM. 1-25¢ ; BLTS. 10-50¢.

Salman's Glory (Salman '47-507-EM).

Very showy giant cream with scarlet throat.

LARGE ONLY, and supply limited. 2-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

San Antonio (Majewski '55-552-M).

Deep red sport of Burma which has given consistently superior performance everywhere. Many growers consider its color superior to that of Burma itself.

LARGE 1-30¢ ; MED. 1-20¢ ; SM. 2-25¢ ; BLTS. 25-25¢

South Seas (Wilson '47-491-M).

Unusual color-slaty gray with red throat markings. Not a color that everyone likes,

but one that always attracts attention.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Sparkling Eyes (Jack '53-401-EM).

White, slightly tinted lavender, and centered with conspicuous purple blotches. Spikes quite tall and stretchy; placement informal.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; NO SMALL; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Sundance (Almey '49-412-M).

The tallest, most rugged yellow I have ever raised. This past season I had spikes (from jumbo bulbs) with 28 buds, flowerhead 36". It is pure clean yellow, somewhat ruffled.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Sunspot (Roberts '45-417-LM).

Apricot buff with suffusion of red in the throat. A well-known exhibition glad.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Sun Tan (Coombs '42-490-L).

This might reasonably be called a salmon smoky, although the color is hard to describe. It is a tall, strong grower; spikes are formal, 20 buds or more, 5" florets, 6 to 8 open.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Surprise (Moore '46-486-LM).

In color, Surprise is unique - lavender gray with large sharply defined blotches of greenish yellow. Florets are plain petaled, with 8 open; 20 or more buds. Very effective in combination with Chartreuse.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; SM. 5-30¢; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Sylvia (Garver '57-406-EM).

A fine new cream, moderately ruffled, tall and straight.

It easily opens 8 or 9 florets in excellent placement, and of very clean pure color. Not yet well known here in the east, but well worth a trial.

LARGE 1-\$1.00; MED. 1-75¢; SM. 1-50¢; BLTS. 10¢ ea.

Tan-Glo (Arenius '54-

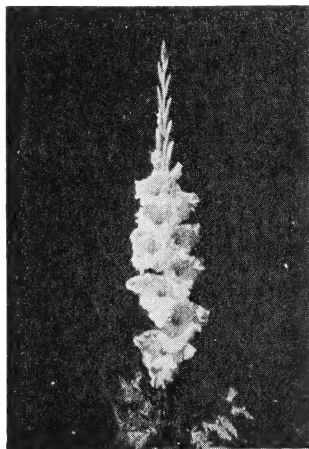
One of the leading exhibition smokies, in fact a leader regardless of color.

It makes tall, perfectly formed spikes, regularly producing 23 to 25 buds, 8 to 10 open. Only slightly ruffled.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-20¢; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Thorose (Thorsen -364-LM).

Ruffled deep rose, suggesting a smaller Burma. An unusually good performer with straight spikes, excellent placement, up to



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20 buds, at least 7 open - but rather late.
LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. 5-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Tony Boy (Kunderd '52-263-M).

An exceptionally attractive little glad, bright rose red with white throat blotches nearly covering the lower petals. Nicely ruffled florets on rather airy spikes.

NO LARGE ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-20¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Toytown (Butt '54-224-E).

Glowing orange red, very heavily ruffled and with heavy texture. While not exceedingly tall, it produces well balanced spikes with 5 or 6 open. Florets measure $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.

LARGE 1-40¢ ; MED. 1-30¢ ; SM. 2-35¢ ; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Tricolor (Beaton '50-379-M).

Deep violet with purple blotch on a white throat. Regularly opens 8 or more round plain-petaled florets, a little undersize for a 300.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Trim (Fischer '55-366-EM).

Rather tall straight spikes of ruffled medium lavender florets. It makes better exhibition spikes than Wedgwood, although its color is probably not quite so clear and attractive.

LARGE 1-25¢ ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-20¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Tunia's Fireside Glow (Booth - 536-LM).

For the grower who fancies large florets this is the glad. With no bulbs larger than #3's last year I had seven-inch florets - one of them winning as largest floret at the El-mira show. It tends to be floppy, and is probably low on buds and number open, although I don't know what large bulbs can do. Color - bright scarlet without markings. Stock limited.

LARGE 1-40¢ ; MED. 1-30¢ ; SM. 2-35¢ ; BLTS. 10-25¢.

Vagabond Prince (Palmer '35-391-M).

An old favorite - mahogany brown with bright red throat. Every year this sells so well that I have no large bulbs available the next.

NO LARGE ; MED. 2-30¢ ; SM. 2-20¢ ; BLTS. 15-25¢.

Variation (Krueger '41-340-M).

Light pink, exceptionally clear and fresh. A tall straight grower, very reliable. Not ruffled.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢ ; BLTS.

Violet Charm (Jack '53-476-EM).

Now definitely established as one of the leading all-purpose glads of the day, this needs no plugging. It is possibly nearer lavender than violet, but with definitely violet throat markings. If my new seedlings from it are typical, it has extraordinary possibilities in hybridizing.

LARGE 2-30¢ ; MED. 3-25¢ ; SM. 5-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

Vision (Roberts '53-331-L).

Clear light salmon with a cream white throat. Spikes are tall, with placement formal, florets well ruffled. Heavy de-

mand in 1957 reduced my stock considerably and my current supply, especially of large bulbs is limited.

LARGE 1-75¢; MED. 1-50¢; SM. 1-25¢; BLTS. 5-25¢.

Wedgwood (Fischer '47-366-E).

Well known ruffled lavender with cream throat, an unusually clear and beautiful color. I have a vigorous tall-growing strain.

LARGE 2-30¢; MED. 3-25¢; NO SMALL ; BLTS. 50-25¢.

White Lace (Fischer '51-300-EM).

In refinement, ruffling, and floret beauty this cream throated white rivals Wedgwood, but it is not so tall, and is much given to erratic facing. A very rapid propagator.

LARGE ONLY 2-30¢ ; BLTS. 50-25¢

XLO (Mills and Fox '55-532-M).

An excellent deep salmon sport of Dieppe. The 6-inch florets are moderately ruffled, with 6 to 8 open on long flowerheads.

LARGE 1-25¢; MED. 2-30¢; SM. 2-25¢; BLTS. 15-25¢.

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I do not grow any mixed gladiolus as such, but for those who are not interested in growing them under name I will put up unlabeled assortments. For these I choose bulbs from stocks where there is a surplus, regardless of catalog prices, and make up each lot individually so as to include a proper range of colors.

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